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IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO FILE: **C-1**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CHANGES IN WORK FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS  
CITIES OF ARTESIA, BELL, BELLFLOWER, CARSON, CERRITOS, COMMERCE,  
COMPTON, CUDAHY, DOWNEY, LA MIRADA, LONG BEACH, LYNWOOD,  
MONTEBELLO, PICO RIVERA, SOUTH GATE, AND VERNON  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 4)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to approve changes in work and the increased contract amounts for public works construction contracts in the Cities of Artesia, Bell, Bellflower, Carson, Cerritos, Commerce, Compton, Cudahy, Downey, La Mirada, Long Beach, Lynwood, Montebello, Pico Rivera, South Gate, and Vernon.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Find that the requested changes in work have no significant effect on the environment and approve the increased contract amounts and the changes for the following construction contracts:

- Project ID No. RDC0014619 -Truck Impacted Intersection Project Groups A & B, Phase I, to construct intersections and medians, modify and synchronize traffic signals, and install striping and pavement markings, in the Cities of Bell, Commerce, Cudahy, Montebello, South Gate, Vernon, Lynwood, Artesia, Downey, and Long Beach, Alliance Streetworks, Inc., for various miscellaneous changes required to complete the work as intended, with an increase in the contract amount of \$110,255.42.

- Project ID No. TSM0010162 - Artesia Boulevard, et al., to modify and synchronize traffic signals, Cities of Pico Rivera, Compton, Carson, Bellflower, Cerritos, La Mirada, and Long Beach, C. T. & F., Inc., for installing temporary overhead electrical service, with an increase in the contract amount of \$8,500.00.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain your Board's approval for changes in public works contracts in support of the timely completion of the projects while avoiding delays and the potential for claims. The descriptions of the changes, estimated costs, and the necessary time extensions are listed in the attachment for each contract.

The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Attached for your ratification is a change in work, which the Director of Public Works ordered for Project ID No. TSM0010162.

Also attached for your authorization is a change in work in excess of the Director of Public Works' delegated limits, which is required to complete Project ID No. RDC0014619.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). Approval of these changes will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

These changes in work will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated change order amounts for these contracts are increases of \$8,500.00 and \$110,255.42.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the requested changes. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes, together with contract cost summaries, are included in the attachments.

If these changes in work are not approved, contract completion will be delayed and increased costs incurred.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Each of the subject contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works or her designee.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in work as described above and in the attachments do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Each contract provides that the contractor be compensated for the work resulting from changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs are based on contract unit prices, time and materials, or negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the costs of the changes are included in the attachments.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

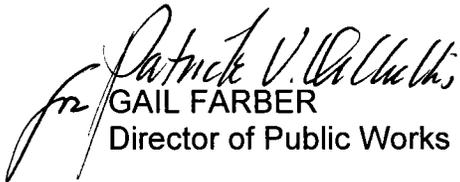
Approval of the requested changes by your Board will ensure the timely completion of work under each of the respective contracts and result in complete and usable facilities.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works,  
Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

  
GAIL FARBER  
Director of Public Works

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Attachments (2)

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

CHANGE IN WORK (AUTHORIZE)

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014619 - TRUCK IMPACTED INTERSECTION PROJECT GROUPS A & B, PHASE I (Cities of Bell, Commerce, Cudahy, Montebello, South Gate, Vernon, Lynwood, Artesia, Downey, and Long Beach), Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, and 4, Contractor: Alliance Streetworks, Inc.

Project Description:

Construction of Portland Cement Concrete intersections and medians, modification and synchronization of traffic signals, installation of striping and pavement markings, and other appurtenant work.

Changes in Work:

(1) Replace Underground Conduits, City of Long Beach	\$ 81,670.00
(2) Pavement Design Modifications, City of Long Beach	27,675.00
(3) Electronic Message Boards, City of Maywood	<u>910.42</u>
Total	<u>\$110,255.42</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) It will be necessary for the contractor to replace the existing underground conduits for the traffic signal system at the intersection of Santa Fe Avenue at Pacific Coast Highway. The existing conduits are deteriorating and can no longer be upgraded or maintained. This work was requested by the City of Long Beach and is not shown on the plans. The cost for this work will be paid by the City.

(2) The City of Long Beach requested the replacement of a damaged section of concrete pavement at the intersection of Santa Fe Avenue at Pacific Coast Highway that is not shown on the plans. The cost for this work will be paid by the City of Long Beach.

(3) It will be necessary for the contractor to furnish and install four electronic message boards to inform motorists of traffic conditions at the intersection of Slauson Avenue and Atlantic Boulevard. This work was requested by the City of Maywood and is not shown on the plans. The cost for this work will be paid by the City.

A portion of the cost for Item 1 and the cost for Item 2 will be based on contract unit prices. The remainder of the cost for Item 1 and the cost for Item 3 will be based on a time and materials basis as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

Financial Information:

This project is entirely within the jurisdictional limits of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG). County-COG Cooperative Agreement 73356 provides for the County to perform the preliminary engineering and administer the construction of the project with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority (MTA) using Federal, State, and MTA funds to finance a portion of the project costs and the COG to finance the remaining share of the project cost. This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Road Fund Budget.

Eleven additional calendar days will be required because of these changes.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$5,681,098.40
Changes in work previously approved by your Board	190,661.57
Changes in work to be authorized	<u>110,255.42</u>
Revised contract amount	<u>\$5,982,015.39</u>
Percent total change to original contract amount	5.3%

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CHANGE IN WORK (RATIFY)  
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PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010162 - ARTESIA BOULEVARD, ET AL. (Cities of Pico Rivera, Compton, Carson, Bellflower, Cerritos, La Mirada, and Long Beach), Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, and 4, Contractor: C. T. & F., Inc.

Project Description:

Modification and synchronization of traffic signals.

Change in Work:

Temporary Overhead Power \$8,500.00

Description of Change:

It will be necessary to compensate the contractor for providing temporary overhead electrical service to the signals at the intersection of Studebaker Road and Artesia Boulevard. The plans require the electrical wire in the existing underground conduits to be replaced; however, to maintain the signals while the work is performed, an overhead temporary service must be installed. The cost for this work will be based on time and materials as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

Two additional working days will be required for of this change.

Financial Information:

Funding for this change in work is included in the 2008-09 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$2,336,437.93
Changes in work previously approved by your Board	164,244.80
Changes in work to be ratified	<u>8,500.00</u>
Revised contract amount	<u>\$2,509,182.73</u>
Percent total change to original contract amount	7.4%

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